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Duchesne County Commission
P. O. Box 270
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Subject: Reclamation Deadline Extension, Duchesne County, Cedar Buttes Mine, M/047/0028, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Commissioners Winterton, Burdick, and Todd:

Thank you for your letter dated June 27, 2016, and received by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining June 28, 2016, concerning the timetable for reclaiming the Cedar Buttes mine. The Division extends the deadline for completing reclamation until November 1, 2017.

Reclamation should be timed so that seedbed preparation is done just prior to seeding, and seeding should occur in the fall. The timing of the extended deadline is intended to allow seeding at the right time of year.

You asked for information about blasting contractors. The Division suggests that you contact the International Society of Explosives Engineers (www.isee.org) to obtain this information. You may also want to contact Simplot Phosphate in Vernal or another mine operator, such as Geneva Rock Products (801-765-7800) or Graymont Western US (801-716-2600).

The Division appreciates your cooperation. Please stay in touch with April Abate as you prepare for and proceed with reclamation. She can be reached at 801-538-5214.

Sincerely,

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Minerals Program Manager

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